




RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL
OF NORTON.

Annual Report

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health.

FOR THE YEAR, 1943.



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NORTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

To the Chairman and Members of the Public Health and Housing Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the report on the health of the district for the year 1943.

STATISTICS and SOCIAL CONDITIONS of the AREA

Area (in acres) 92,279.

Population (estimated 1943) 7,577; (1939) 7,882.

Number of inhabited houses 2,068.

Rateable Value £20,085.

Product of a penny rate £83.

The district is wholly agricultural, and farming and its ancillary trades such as agricultural engineering, saddlery, carpentry and smithing provide all the employment. There is no residential or suburban population.

Unemployment does not exist in the district, and the minimum wage scales have considerably raised the standard of living.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Extracted from figures given by the Registrar-General.

		M.	F.	Total
Live Births	Total	73	68	141
	Legitimate	60	59	119
	Illegitimate	13	9	22

Birth Rate per 1,000 population 18.5

Birth Rate (1942) 17.2

England and Wales (1943) 16.5

Still Births One male and one female, both legitimate.

Rate per 1,000 births 14.

	M.	F.	Total
Deaths	47	50	97
Rate per 1,000 population	12.8		
Rate in 1942	9.3		
England and Wales (1943)	12.1		
Natural increase	5.7 per 1,000 population.		

Once again there was no maternal morbidity. Two deaths were due to violence, but there were none from suicide.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age :—

	M.	F.
Total	6	4
Legitimate	6	4
Illegitimate	—	—
Rate per 1,000 live births	70	
England and Wales....	49	
Rate in 1942	29	
Average over two years	44.5	
Deaths from cancer	13	
Deaths from measles	Nil	Notifications 103
Deaths from whooping cough	Nil	Notifications 45
Deaths from diarrhoea (under 2 years)	Nil	

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT.

Medical Officer of Health.

W. THISTLETHWAITE, M.B., Ch.B. (part-time Officer).

Sanitary Inspector.

O. MILBURN, Cert. S.I.B., M.S.I.A., Cert. Meat Inspector.

Nursing.

A portion of the area is served by the two district nursing associations at Ganton and Westow, each of which employs a nurse who is state registered and a state certified midwife.

Midwifery attendance is also provided by County Council midwives resident outside the area, at Norton, Bridlington and Driffield. Medical Relief.

This has been largely superseded by the granting of state supplementary pensions to the aged, which grant entitles the recipients to medical and nursing attendance at need.

Laboratory Facilities.

These are adequate. Provision is made for all routine and extempore examinations at the Ministry of Health laboratory at Driffield, and milk and water samples are sent at regular and frequent intervals.

Ambulances.

There are now none in the area, either civilian or A.R.P., but existing facilities at Norton, Malton and Scarborough, on the outskirts, have fulfilled all needs.

Home Nursing.

The need for a greatly increased nursing service, both general and maternity, remains urgent, but must wait until national emergency demands have eased.

Treatment Centres.

There is a well attended Infant Welfare Centre at Sherburn, every four weeks, under the auspices of the Ganton and District Nursing Association, assisted by a small annual grant from the County Council. This clinic performs a well appreciated and useful work.

Hospitals.

None exist in the area. Scarborough General and Malton Cottage Hospitals provide accommodation for all general surgical and medical cases, and patients requiring more extensive services such as radium or deep X-Ray therapy, are sent to the Leeds General Infirmary or the York County Hospital.

Hostels, maternity homes and hostels, and sick bays for evacuated mothers and children are available, efficient and appreciated.

Infectious diseases are treated at the Driffield Isolation Hospital, from where an ambulance is sent at need.

Isolation for evacuated children, for chicken-pox, whooping cough, scabies and impetigo is provided at Norton, Malton and Stamford Bridge.

Clinics.

Tuberculosis: At Norton, every two months.

Orthopædic: Malton, Scarborough, Driffeld, every four weeks during school terms.

Venereal Disease: York and Scarborough, four sessions each week.
Housing.

Eight cottages for agricultural workers are under construction, four at Wintringham and four at East Heslerton. The plans reach a standard æsthetic, comfortable and hygienic which is high by pre-existing standards and adequate to present needs.

Sites have been chosen and plans drawn for the building of 150 houses in the area when circumstances allow.

THE REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR IS APPENDED.

Sanitary Inspections.

Housing, Nuisances under the Public Health Acts, Water Sampling, Sewerage, Military Co-operation, etc.

(a) No. of inspections—1,128.

(b) Number of informal and statutory notices served—

Statutory Nil.

Informal 37.

Informal notices complied with—37.

(c) New drains and repairs—14.

Structural alterations—9.

(d) Cowsheds and Dairies—

No. of cowsheds on register—240.

No. inspected—32.

Alterations carried out—14.

Meat and Food Inspection.

Visits to licensed slaughterhouses, etc.—164.

The following food was condemned:—

Eggs 363.

Tea, 34 lbs.

Milk, 96 tins.

Cheese, 36 lbs.

Bacon, 25 lbs.

Sugar, 124 lbs.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Disease	Total Cases	Admitted to Hospital	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	13	12	0
Whooping Cough	45	1	0
Diphtheria	11	11	1
Measles	103	—	0

100 children were immunised against diphtheria.

TUBERCULOSIS. NEW CASES AND MORTALITY.

NEW CASES				DEATHS			
Resp.		Non. Resp.		Resp.		Non. Resp.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1							1

New Cases 1. Deaths 1.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. THISTLETHWAITE,

Medical Officer of Health.

